

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Member Kissinger, 6:36 PM

Board members present: Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

Board members absent: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Abigail Borges, Student Representative, (left meeting at 6:41 PM)

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

MSV – To move up on the agenda item VI. A. Senior High School Sunday River Ski Trip Proposal – Pande/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

- VI. **New Business**
 - A. **Senior High School Sunday River Ski Trip Proposal**

MSV – To approve the Senior High School Sunday River Ski Trip Proposal – Pande/McFadden – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

- IV. **Presentation**
 - A. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Abigail Borges gave a brief overview of various senior high school events.

Student Member Borges left the meeting, (6:41PM)

B. New EWG Website Presentation

Director of Instructional and Information Technologies Jeffrey Bain provided a demonstration of the new and improved District website. Members asked clarifying questions, offered feedback, and recommended changes. The committee agreed to

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

make the suggested modifications, go live, and make additional adjustments as needed.

V. Routine Items
Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2013; Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2013

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Craig Giarrusso as Senior High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Annual Stipend per contract; effective for the 2013-2014 season**
- b. Lindsey Tallo as Junior High School Cheerleading Coach, Annual Stipend per contract; effective for the 2013-2014 season, pending all mandatory District paperwork**

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. Letter from Valerie Druken resigning her position as .5FTE School Nurse Teacher – Job Share at Metcalf School, effective December 13, 2013**

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$325,658.12

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Pande/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) Communication from Attorney General Peter Kilmartin regarding Andrew and Christian L.; (2) 2013-2014 Home Schooled Children Approved List; (3) Memorandum to School Committee from Superintendent Erinakes regarding School Committee Presentation Schedule for 2014; (4) Communication from West Greenwich Police Department regarding Federal COPS Grant Assisting to Fund the SRO (School Resource Officer) position; (5) Town of West Greenwich Notice of Public Meeting; (6) Communication from College Board regarding AP District Honor Roll

Member Pande referenced Correspondence 4 and expressed gratitude to Chief Ramsay of the West Greenwich Police Department for applying for and receiving the COPS Grant. The grant will reimburse the District approximately \$90,000 over the next three-years for the SRO (School Resource Officer) position.

Member Donovan referenced Correspondence 5 to bring to members' attention the proposed subdivision of land consisting of seven new house lots located on the corner of Route 3 and Wills Swamp Road in West Greenwich. Member Donovan proposed that a member from West Greenwich and/or administration could keep an eye on how the subdivision may affect school property.

Member Donovan reference Correspondence 6, to acknowledge the district's tremendous recognition as an AP District Honor Roll recipient. She requested to ensure AP (Advanced Placement) teachers receive acknowledgments for their role. She suggested posting an announcement on the new District website and/or in the course selection booklet to let parents know how excellent the AP programs are.

VI. New Business

B. Policies Amendment/Approval/Deletion

- 1. #7702: Textbook Selection and Adoption – 1st Reading**
- 2. #8701: Administering Student Medication – Amendment**

MSV – To approve the change to policy 8701: Administering Student Medication – McFadden/Pande – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

- 3. #7801: Reporting Student Progress – Amendment/Table to 12/10/13**
- 4. #7805: Vacation Homework – Amendment/Table to 12/10/13**
- 5. 8501: Responsibilities-Student/Parent – Amendment/Table to 12/10/13**

Policies 7801, 7805, and 8501 were not completed in time for this meeting. All three policies tabled to the December 10, 2013 meeting agenda under New Business.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Capital Projects/RIDE Technology Update

With regard to the status of RIDE's proposal to support districts with implementation of a one to one technology initiative, Superintendent Erinakes reported he anticipated RIDE would provide an agreement and monetary figure to the District tomorrow or next week. Additional information is forthcoming at the next meeting. This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion.

B. October 1 Enrollment

No discussion

C. Reinstate Late Buses at the High School - Discussion

The Superintendent offered information to assist members in the discussion of reinstating late buses at the high school. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MSV – To approve the trial period that is proposed by the administration for both routes, both in Exeter and West Greenwich. And during that period, they would get feedback and return to the committee with any improvements or problems that they were made aware of during the trial period - January 6, 2014 to February 14, 2014 – McFadden/Donovan [seconded for the purpose of a vote].

Member Donovan moved to amend the motion to approve a hall monitor for the trial period at the rate of \$20.41 per hour – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VIII. Reports/Comments

Member Kissinger advised that the Charter Review subcommittee has not met since July. He will attempt to resume meetings in January.

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, December 10, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 7, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 21, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 28, 2014-Budget Workshop

X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

- a. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
- b. 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation
- c. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

The committee did not meet in Executive Session.

XI. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Pande/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**